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June 14, 2011

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**RE: APPROVAL
EXTENSION REQUEST FOR COMPLETION OF R-62 AND SCI-3
LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY
EPA ID #NM0890010515
HWB-LANL-GW**

Dear Messrs. Rael and Graham:

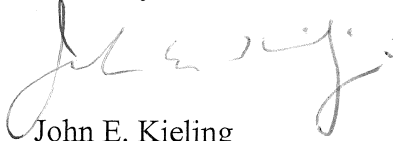
The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is in receipt of the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the Los Alamos National Security, L.L.C.'s (collectively, the Permittees) document entitled *Request for Extension for Completion of R-62 and SCI-3* (Request) dated June 9, 2011 and referenced by EP2011-0214.

The Permittees state in the Request that an unanticipated nationwide backlog in the availability of appropriate drilling equipment is causing a delay in the commencement of drilling wells R-62 and SCI-3. The Permittees state that the delay will not affect their ability to collect and analyze three quarters of water-quality data from these wells for the Sandia Canyon Phase II Investigation Report. The Permittees have shown good cause for an extension. The Permittees must complete well R-62 no later than **August 19, 2011** and well SCI-3 no later than **August 30, 2011**.

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Should you have any questions, please contact Jerzy Kulis of my staff at (505) 476-6039.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John E. Kieling". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being more prominent.

John E. Kieling
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